AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for cleaning a set of parts which had been in contact with paint from a hand-held paint spray gun during previous operation of the paint spray gun, the apparatus comprising:

a. a paint cup containing the set of parts; and

b. a cleaning cap having:

i. a first fitting for receiving the paint cup;

ii. a second fitting for receiving a garden hose and having at least one aperture in fluid communication therewith directing substantially all fluid from the garden hose into the paint cup; and

iii. an outlet passageway providing an outlet fluid communication path from an interior of the cap to an exterior of the cap and at least one barrier in the outlet passageway blocking the expulsion of any one of the set of parts from within the paint cup wherein the at least one barrier is a plurality of fins aligned with a direction of fluid flow in the outlet fluid communication path, and

iv. an inlet fluid communication path from the second fitting to an interior of the cap wherein the inlet fluid communication path includes a first aperture and a second aperture, and a pair of sleeves, with each one of the pair of sleeves extending from and in fluid communication with a respective one of the first aperture and the second aperture.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first fitting of the cleaning cap has a first set of threads.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the second fitting of the cleaning cap has a second set of threads.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the second set of threads are female hose fitting threads.

5. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the second set of threads are female three quarter by eleven and a half standard hose coupling threads.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[7]] 1 further comprising a crossbar extending across at least one of the first aperture and the second aperture.

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[7]] 1 wherein each of the first aperture and the second aperture has a partial obstruction of sufficient size to prevent the set of parts which are contained within the paint cup from passing through either the first or the second aperture.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[10]] 1 wherein at least one of the pair of sleeves has a crossbar extending thereacross.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the crossbar is positioned in the sleeve to provide a positive stop for a dual hose fitting received in the sleeve.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[10]] 1 wherein the outlet fluid communication path includes a trough extending from the interior to the exterior of the cap.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the trough surrounds at least a portion of the sleeves.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the trough extends completely around and is spaced apart from the sleeves.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the trough has a first portion oriented in a generally radial direction.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the trough has a second portion oriented in a generally axial direction.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the trough has a second portion oriented downward when the cap is located in an upright position.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the outlet fluid communication path extends from an interior of the cap to an exterior of the cup when the cap is attached to a paint cup.

20. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the at least one barrier in the outlet passageway includes a fluid permeable barrier having a plurality of openings sufficiently large to permit the flow of water from the interior of the cap to the exterior of the cap and wherein the openings are sufficiently small to block the expulsion of any one of the set of parts being cleaned which had been in contact with paint from the paint spray gun wherein the fluid permeable barrier is a plurality of fins aligned with a direction of fluid flow in the outlet fluid communication path.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the fins are spaced apart a distance sufficiently small to prevent the passage of any one of the set of parts being cleaned.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the fins are spaced apart a distance less than the smallest outside dimension of the smallest part of the set of parts being cleaned.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Canceled)